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☐ None of the figures.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N9/02 C12P13/22

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, CHEM ABS Data, WPI Data, PAJ, MEDLINE, EMBASE

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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